18. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein said software facility copies said data to a different storage medium in response to a request from a user of said electronic device.

19. In an electronic device interfaced with a network, said network interfaced with a
5   plurality of devices with storage mediums located thereon, a medium holding computer-executable instructions for a method, said method comprising the steps of:

        providing a software facility located on said electronic device, said software facility creating a virtual interface; and

        allocating data transparently to said plurality of devices for storage using
10   said virtual interface.

20. The medium of claim 19 wherein said method comprises the further steps of:

        detecting a failure in one of said plurality of devices holding said data; and

15   automatically allocating a copy of said data to a different one of said plurality of devices for storage.

21. The medium of claim 19 wherein said method comprises the further step of:

        allocating a copy of said data to a different one of said plurality of
20   devices for storage in response to a request from a user of said electronic device.

22. In a network, a method, comprising the steps of:

        wrapping a network storage medium inside a virtual logical unit, said virtual logical unit being a software created virtual interface encapsulating and hiding
25   the location of said network storage medium;

        placing said virtual logical unit between said network storage medium and an electronic device; and

        accessing data on said network storage medium through data read requests and data write requests sent from said electronic device to said virtual logical
30   unit.